

### **STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-41 were originally filed in this patent application. Claim 25 was withdrawn from consideration due to a restriction requirement. In the pending office action, claims 1-4, 6-8, 13-16, 18-20, 26, 29-31, and 33-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Taivalasaari. Claims 5, 17 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Taivalasaari in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,601,114 to Bracha. Claims 9-12, 21-24, 27, 28, and 36-41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Taivalasaari in view of the admitted prior art (APA). No claim was allowed. No claim has been amended herein. Claims 1-24 and 26-41 as originally filed are pending.